

What is claimed is:

1. A pegboard system for constraining items of cargo in transit, comprising:  
5 one or more pegboards to cover a cargo support area, the pegboards having an upper surface with openings for pegs; and  
a plurality of pegs sized to fit into the openings in the pegboards to constrain the items of cargo from substantial lateral movement.
- 10 2. The system of claim 1 wherein individual pegboards have lateral interfaces for joining to cover the cargo support area.
3. The system of claim 2 wherein the lateral interfaces are dovetail shapes.
- 15 4. The system of claim 2 wherein the lateral interfaces include one or more of magnets, spring clamps, pin-and-socket interfaces, or adhesive fasteners.
5. The system of claim 1 wherein the openings are round holes extending at least part way through a thickness of the pegboard, and the pegs are round shafts having a diameter  
20 to firmly engage the openings.
6. The system of claim 1 further comprising elastic top elements engaging one or more of the pegs, the top elements having a greater lateral extent than the pegs, and thereby providing protection between pegs and items of cargo.
- 25 7. The system of claim 6 wherein the pegs are hollow tubes and the top elements comprise an extension portion for engaging the inside of the tube.

8. The system of claim 1 further comprising straps for engaging pegs to further constrain the items of cargo, the straps having ends enabled to attach to individual pegs.
9. The system of claim 8 wherein the ends of the straps are enabled by sleeves to slidably  
5 engage pegs.
10. The system of claim 9 wherein sleeves have a height less than one half the height of pegs, such that sleeves from two different straps may engage the same peg.
- 10 11. A method for constraining cargo in transit, comprising the steps of:  
    (a) covering at least a portion of a cargo area with one or more pegboards each  
    having an upper surface with openings for pegs;  
    (b) placing an item of cargo on the pegboard; and  
    (c) placing pegs in openings in the one or more pegboards in a pattern around the  
15 item of cargo to constrain the item from lateral movement.
12. The method of claim 11 wherein individual pegboards have lateral interfaces for joining to cover the cargo support area, and including a step for engaging the pegboards by the lateral interfaces.
- 20 13. The method of claim 12 wherein the lateral interfaces are dovetail shapes.
14. The method of claim 12 wherein the lateral interfaces include one or more of magnets, spring clamps, pin-and-socket interfaces, or adhesive fasteners.
- 25 15. The method of claim 11 wherein the openings are round holes extending at least part way through a thickness of the pegboard, and the pegs are round shafts having a diameter to firmly engage the openings.

16. The method of claim 11 further comprising a step for engaging one or more elastic top elements to one or more of the pegs, the top elements having a greater lateral extent than the pegs, and thereby providing protection between the pegs and the item of cargo.
- 5 17. The method of claim 16 wherein the pegs are hollow tubes and the top elements comprise an extension portion for engaging the inside of the tube.
18. The method of claim 11 further comprising a step for engaging straps between pegs to further constrain the item of cargo, the straps having ends enabled to attach to  
10 individual pegs.
19. The method of claim 18 wherein the ends of the straps are enabled by sleeves to slidably engage pegs.
- 15 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the sleeves have a height less than one half the height of the pegs, such that sleeves from two different straps may engage the same peg.